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Ancient, Free and
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**GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA
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I, J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitution, adopted at the Sixty-third Annual Communication, of that body held in the City of Winnipeg on the Eighth and Ninth days of June, A.L. 5938, A.D. 1938.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Winnipeg, this tenth day of June, A.L. 5938, A.D. 1938.

J. H. G. Russell

Grand Secretary.

John T. Boyd

Grand Master.



GRAND JURY OF NEW YORK
A.D. 1888

I, J. M. O'Connell, Clerk of the Grand Jury,
do hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the
report of the Grand Jury, made at the sitting of the
Grand Jury on the fifth and sixth days of
June, A.D. 1888, and is true.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official
signature and seal, and the seal of the Grand Jury, at the City of
New York, this fifth day of June, A.D. 1888.

J. M. O'Connell

Clerk of the Grand Jury

Attest: J. M. O'Connell



THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON

Extracted from the Ancient
Records of Lodges Through-
out the World

FOR THE USE OF LODGES

To be Read at the Making
of New Brethren, or When
the Master shall Order it.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE

THE GENERAL HEADS
of the
Charges of a Freemason

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The CHARGES of a FREEMASON Etc.

I.—Concerning God and Religion

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh to the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believes in the Architect of heaven and earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love, they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—Of the Civil Magistrate, Supreme and Subordinate

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against the peace or welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and to live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—Of Lodges

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their ancient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons is called a Lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the Craft. A Lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From ancient times no master or fellow may be acquired. From ancient times no master or fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and

discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to shame nor the royal craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice unless he is a perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his master's lord and of being made a brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a warden, and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden unless he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has been master of a Lodge, nor a grand master until he has acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N.B.—In ancient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.

V.—Of the Management of the Craft in Working

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disoblighing, name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him nor put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing brotherly love.

All tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall Freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach laborers or unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

VI.—Of Behaviour, viz.:

1.—In the Lodge While Constituted

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversations without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently, or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made, but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2.—Behaviour after the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoid excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, that would forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as masons of the universal religion before mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—Behavior when Brethren Meet Without Strangers, but not in a Lodge Formed

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instructions as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching on each other or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons are as brethren on the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before, nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due and avoid ill-manners.

4.—Behaviour in Presence of Strangers not Masons

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—Behaviour at Home and in Your Neighborhood

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man particularly not to let your family and friends and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your ancient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long after lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—Behaviour Toward a Strange Brother

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prejudice shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before all other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope stone, the cement and glory of this ancient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge, and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been

the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of masters and fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law suits that so you may find the affair of masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to the brothers or fellow at law, the masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath and rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

Amen, so mote it be.

Summary of the **Ancient Charges and Regulations** to be read by the Grand Secretary (or Acting Secretary) to the **Master-Elect**, prior to his installation into the chair of the lodge:

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You agree to be a peaceful subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in the general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master; and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular person initiated therein; and that no public procession of Masons clothed with the badge of the order can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason or admitted a member of any lodge, without previous

notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular lodge.

At the conclusion the Grand Master or installing officer addresses the master-elect as follows: "Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations as masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative, the ceremony of installation proceeds.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, under the powers vested in it by its Act of Incorporation and Amendments thereto enacts provisions for the government of the Craft in Manitoba as follows:

1. The title of Grand Lodge shall be "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

The Constitution includes By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

DEFINITIONS

2. The following general definitions shall apply to words and phrases used in this Constitution:

- (a) Board—Board of General Purposes.
- (b) Charter—Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge to a constituent Lodge.
- (c) Communication—Usually employed to designate a meeting of Grand Lodge.
- (d) Dispensation—Written authority from the Grand Master.
- (e) Grand Master—The member of Grand Lodge who was

elected to that office at the last preceding annual communication of Grand Lodge and installed in that office.

(f) In Good Standing—This qualifying expression is used to designate those whose membership in a Lodge has been maintained.

(g) Lodge—A body of Freemasons working together under authority derived from a charter issued by Grand Lodge, or a dispensation issued by the Grand Master; one of the constituent bodies of Grand Lodge.

(h) Master—The member of a Lodge who was elected at the last preceding election of officers of the Lodge to fill that position and who was installed therein.

(i) Past Master—A member who has completed his term of office as a Master of a Lodge.

(j) Regular Meeting—The meeting of a Lodge, at the time specified in its By-Laws, for the transaction of General business.

(k) Regulation—A resolution of Grand Lodge giving direction in regard to particular matters that are dealt with only in a general way by the Constitution.

(l) Residence—The principal place of abode.

(m) Summons—A written communication from the Secretary of a Lodge, issued for the purpose of notifying the members that a meeting of the Lodge is to be held; a written notice to a member of Grand Lodge or a member of a constituent Lodge ordering him to appear before Grand Lodge, a Grand Officer, the Board, a committee thereof, or his Lodge.

3. The members of Grand Lodge shall be all Master Masons who are in good standing in a constituent Lodge in Manitoba and who are Past Masters, Masters or sitting Senior or Junior Wardens of constituent Lodges, or Past Masters from other jurisdictions who are affiliated with one or more constituent Lodges in Manitoba.

4. Grand Lodge may, in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer on a member of this or any sister jurisdiction such rank as it may deem appropriate. Notice of motion to confer such rank shall be sent, in writing, by the mover to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the Annual Communication at which such motion is to be proposed. A unanimous vote by ballot in favor of the motion shall be necessary to its passing.

5. Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction throughout Manitoba. In it shall be vested the sole power to enact laws, By-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the Craft, to alter or repeal them, and to exercise generally the authority necessary to carry them into effect. This power includes the granting or revocation of charters of Lodges, the enforcement of discipline upon its members or on Lodges, or on Master Masons; the hearing and determination of appeals from the decisions of the Grand Master or of any other elected officer or of the Board of General Purposes, or of a Lodge; suspension or expulsion of a member of a Lodge, or his restoration after suspension or expulsion; the establishing or discontinuance of fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges; and the investigation and determination of all other matters that may be brought before it, including its relations to Lodges or to individual members of Lodges.

6. The Province shall be divided into Masonic Districts, the number and extent of which shall be determined by Grand Lodge.

7. Each District shall hold in each year, at such time and place within the District as may previously have been arranged with the Grand Master, a Meeting to be called the Annual District Meeting. At this meeting the District Deputy Grand Master or a Deputy duly authorized for that purpose shall preside.

8. The following is adopted as the seal of Grand Lodge:



9. The officers of Grand Lodge, and their official designations, are as follows:

- The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.
- The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
- The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
- The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
- The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Historian.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Librarian.
- The Very Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
- The Very Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.
- The Very Worshipful Senior Grand Steward.
- The Very Worshipful Junior Grand Steward.

The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.

The Very Worshipful Grand Tyler.

10. Grand Officers are entitled to precedence and rank in the order set forth in the preceding section, except that Past Grand Officers are entitled to precedence and rank, according to seniority, immediately following the occupants of their former offices.

FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE

11. The funds of Grand Lodge shall be classified as follows:

(a) Benevolent Endowment Fund.

This fund shall be an endowment for benevolent purposes. To it shall be added all the sums collected from the Lodges for this fund, together with any sums received by way of gift, grant, legacy or subscription or otherwise howsoever given or allocated to such fund.

(b) Beneficiary Fund.

The net annual income derived from the investment of the Benevolent Endowment Fund shall be credited to the Beneficiary Fund. This Fund shall also be credited with any moneys received by it from Grand Lodge or from any other source.

The Beneficiary Fund shall be administered by the Committee on Benevolence in the care of poor and distressed Freemasons, their families and dependents. It is intended that grants from it shall be made only in cases requiring more or less continuous assistance, but the Committee may extend assistance wherever it deems necessary. The following general regulations shall be observed.

1. The Committee shall require an application for assistance to be made by a Lodge, under its seal, signed by the Master and Secretary, after having passed a resolution endorsing the application, which application must be made on the form furnished by the Grand Secretary.

2. As the assistance given from the Beneficiary Fund is to be regarded as supplementary to the benevolent activities of the Lodge making application, the Committee shall require a detailed statement showing the amounts expended by the Lodge for Benevolent purposes during six months immediately preceding the date of the application.

3. As these grants are only for the current year of Grand Lodge, or less, it shall be the duty of every Lodge to see that applications for renewals of grants are sent to the Grand Secretary for those beneficiaries who have been receiving through the lodge a grant from Grand Lodge in the current year and who are still in need of relief; said applications to be in the hands of the Grand Secretary by the first of May in each year. Whenever a lodge does not wish a renewal of a grant, the Secretary of the lodge shall notify the Grand Secretary to that effect before the first of May.

4. Cheques on this Fund shall be drawn in favor of the Grantee or the Lodge or both, in the discretion of the Committee.

(c) General Fund.

This Fund shall be credited with all moneys received by Grand Lodge other than those received for the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund. From it shall be made all payments on account of Grand Lodge, excepting those from the Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds.

COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

12. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held at Winnipeg on the first Wednesday in June, at an hour to be fixed by the Board or at such other place in the Province as shall have been determined by Grand Lodge at its last preceding Annual Communication:

Provided however, that Grand Lodge may accept an invitation to meet at a place outside Winnipeg. This invitation must be

endorsed by a constituent Lodge and must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary not less than 60 days previous to the date on which the Annual Communication shall be due to begin. The invitation shall be noted in the summons calling the Annual Communication.

13. An emergent communication of Grand Lodge for the consideration of special business may be called at the discretion of the Grand Master. At least seven clear day's notice of an emergent communication shall be given, which notice shall state the business to be transacted thereat, and only such business shall be transacted at such emergent communication. An emergent communication for ceremonial purposes may be called at any time by the Grand Master, by such notice as he deems sufficient.

14. The quorum at any communication of Grand Lodge for the transaction of business shall be twenty-five members, hailing from at least seven constituent Lodges. At a communication for ceremonial purposes six members of Grand Lodge in addition to the Grand Master or his representative shall form a quorum.

15. The Grand Master may permit any Master Mason in good standing to attend a communication of Grand Lodge. Participation in the proceedings of Grand Lodge shall be confined to the members thereof as defined in sections 2 and 3.

16. The Grand Master shall preside at all communications of Grand Lodge at which he is present. In his absence the Deputy Grand Master shall preside. If the Deputy Grand Master be also absent the Junior Past Grand Master present shall preside.

17. Every member in attendance shall wear the clothing and insignia of his rank.

18. The Grand Secretary shall keep a record of the attendance of representatives from other Grand Lodges. If a representative shall have failed to attend two consecutive annual communica-

tions without furnishing an explanation in writing satisfactory to the Grand Master, the Grand Master shall recommend that his appointment be rescinded, and shall nominate a new representative and recommend his appointment.

19. After the annual communication has been opened, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) Receiving representatives from other Grand Lodges.
- (b) Reading and confirming minutes of last annual and subsequent emergent communications.
- (c) Address of Grand Master.
- (d) Report of Grand Secretary on nominations for Elective Offices and the Board.
- (e) Reading petitions, appeals and other correspondence.
- (f) Report of the Board of General Purposes.
- (g) Report of the Grand Secretary.
- (h) Reports of the Grand Treasurer and of the Auditor.
- (i) Proposed amendments to the Constitution.
- (j) Address of the Grand Chaplain.
- (k) Report of the Standing Committees of the Board.
- (l) Presenting reports of Special Committees as follows:
 - (a) On the Grand Master's Address.
 - (b) On the Grand Secretary's Report.
 - (c) On the Fraternal Dead.
- (m) Unfinished business.
- (n) General Business.
- (o) Report of Committee on Credentials and Elections; declaration of result of elections.
- (p) Installation and Investiture of Officers.

20. A majority vote of the members present thereon shall be required to pass a motion or resolution at the Annual Com-

munication of Grand Lodge. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to overrule a decision of the Grand Master or Presiding Officer. The Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards shall count the votes, unless in the opinion of the Presiding Officer counting is unnecessary. In the case of a tie vote the motion or resolution shall be declared lost. At the request of five members present a ballot instead of an open vote shall be taken.

21. Every member of Grand Lodge who is present shall be entitled to vote.

22. Grand Lodge may refer any matter to the determination of the Grand Master or of the Board.

23. All members shall remain seated during the transaction of business, except:

(a) The member who is speaking.

(b) Members entering or leaving the room.

(c) Grand Officers whose duties require them to move from one part of the room to another.

24. A speaker shall address himself to the Presiding Officer only; he may continue to speak for not more than ten minutes, except by permission of the Presiding Officer. No one shall speak twice to the same motion, unless invited by the Presiding Officer to answer a question or give an explanation; this shall not prevent the mover from exercising his right to close the discussion. No one shall interrupt a speaker (unless on a point of order) except that the Presiding Officer on his own initiative or at the request of a member may call him to order. After a point of order has been decided the speaker may proceed. A written copy of any motion presented to Grand Lodge shall be handed to the Grand Secretary before it is discussed. Every motion involving an expenditure from the General Fund shall be

referred to the Committee on Finance for a report before being discussed.

MODE OF ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

25. The following Officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication:

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Historian, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Librarian.

26. Eight of the sixteen elected members of the Board provided for in section 54 hereof shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, to hold office for two years. If at the time of the holding of the annual communication any vacancy exists on the Board by reason of the death or resignation of a member or by reason of his election to an office by which he becomes a member of the Board ex-officio before his term as a member of the Board expires, such vacancy shall be filled at the annual communication by the election of a member for the unexpired portion of such term.

27. Nominations for the offices set out in section 25 hereof and for the Board must be in writing signed by a member of Grand Lodge and must be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than 12 o'clock noon on the Thursday preceding the opening of the annual communication, at which time the Grand Secretary shall declare the nominations closed. The nominations for members of the Board shall state the term for which the nominations are made. Before accepting any nomination the Grand Secretary shall ascertain that the person nominated is duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution to hold the office for which he has been nominated.

28. Immediately after the closing of the nominations the Grand Secretary shall deliver all nominations to the Committee on Credentials and Elections (hereinafter referred to as the Committee). The Committee shall thereupon examine such nominations and ascertain whether or not more than one member has been nominated for any of the said offices and whether or not more than the required number of members have been nominated for the Board and if so it shall declare that an election is required.

29. The Committee shall thereupon, and before the opening of Grand Lodge, cause a sufficient number of ballots to be printed for the election.

30. Separate ballots shall be prepared for the election of each officer to be elected, for the election of members of the Board for a two year term and for the election of members of the Board for a one year term to fill vacancies thereon.

31. Such ballot shall contain:

(a) The designation of the office to which the respective members have been nominated.

(b) The name of each member who has been nominated to such office, his Masonic rank, place of residence and the name and number of his lodge.

(c) A space adjoining the name of each person nominated in which the member voting may mark his choice as hereinafter set out.

32. At or before the time fixed for the opening of registration of members attending Grand Lodge, the Committee shall post up in one or more conspicuous places at or near the place provided for registration, a notice showing the names of all persons nominated for the various offices and the Board, and stating when and where the poll shall be held, stating who is entitled to vote at such elections and giving directions as to the method of voting,

and such notices shall be kept posted until the closing of the polls as hereinafter provided.

33. The Poll for the holding of the elections shall be held at a convenient place near the location provided for the communication of Grand Lodge. It shall be open at the same time as the commencement of registration and shall remain open until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the communication of Grand Lodge. The Chairman of the Committee shall have the charge and responsibility of conducting the election and he, or someone appointed by him for the purpose, shall be present at the polling place at all times when the poll is open and shall personally deliver the ballots to those who are entitled to receive them and shall supervise the depositing of the ballots in the ballot box after they have been marked.

34. Each member attending Grand Lodge shall at the time he registers be furnished with a certificate showing his name, address, Masonic rank and the name and number of his Lodge. This certificate shall be presented to the person in charge of the poll who shall thereupon deliver to the member presenting the certificate the ballot or ballots to which he is entitled.

35. (1) Upon receiving the ballot or ballots to which he is entitled the member shall then and there mark the same in one of the following ways:

(a) If there are only two candidates, the member shall mark the ballot by placing the figure 1 within the space provided containing the name of the candidate for whom he intends to vote.

(b) If there are more than two candidates the member shall mark the ballot by placing the figure 1 in the space containing the name of the candidate who is his first choice and he may also place the figures 2, 3, and so on in accordance with the order of his further choice or preference in the space containing the names of the candidates. Each member voting shall have as many

choices as there are candidates which may be transferable amongst the candidates as indicated by him on the ballot in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) The member shall then deposit his ballot in the ballot box.

36. After the close of the poll the Committee under the supervision and direction of the Chairman, and with such assistants as the Chairman may deem it necessary to appoint, shall proceed to count the ballots and to ascertain the member or members elected.

37. To ascertain the member or members elected as officers, the Committee shall proceed as follows:

1. If there are not more than two candidates for any office, the one who receives the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

2. If there are more than two candidates nominated for any office, the Committee shall first arrange the ballots in piles according to the name of each candidate marked with the figure 1, the number of ballots in each such pile shall be counted and if any candidate is found to have an absolute majority (more than one half) of such first preference votes, he shall be declared elected.

3. If upon such count, no one has received an absolute majority, the candidate who has received the lowest number of first preference votes shall be deemed rejected and the Committee shall then examine the ballots marked as a first preference for that candidate and ascertain and record the total number of second preferences for each of the other candidates and said second preferences shall be added to the total of the first preferences of the other candidates. If after doing so one of such candidates has then an absolute majority, he shall be declared elected, but if not, the candidate with the lowest number of votes after the transfer (first preference votes plus votes transferred to him) shall be deemed rejected and shall be excluded and votes given to him shall be transferred to the remaining can-

didates next in order of preference upon the said ballots but in no case shall a vote be transferred to a candidate who has already been excluded. This procedure shall be repeated if necessary until a candidate is found to have an absolute majority, and that candidate shall be declared elected.

38. To ascertain the members elected to the Board, the Committee shall proceed as follows:

1. If there is only one member to be elected for a term of one year, the procedure shall be the same as for the election of officers.

2. If there are more members than one to be elected for a term of one year, and for the election of members for a term of two years, the Committee shall ascertain the members elected upon the principles of proportional representation by proceeding according to the rules and regulations set out in the Manitoba Elections Act, being Chap. 10 of 21 Geo. V. and amendments thereto, for the counting of votes in electoral divisions where more than one candidate is to be elected.

39. After the Committee has ascertained the officers and members of the Board who have been elected, it shall prepare a report in writing showing:

1. The office or offices to which only one member has been nominated and the name or names of the member or members nominated to such office or offices.

2. The office or offices to which more than one member has been nominated and the name or names of the member or members who have received a majority of the votes cast in the election.

3. The names of the members who have been elected to the Board for the term of one year and two years respectively.

40. The said report shall be presented to Grand Lodge as soon as possible after the opening of the evening session of the second

day of the Communication, and the Presiding Officer shall thereupon declare such Officers and members of the Board duly elected.

41. The Past Masters, Masters and sitting Wardens of the Lodges from each District who are present at the Annual Communication, shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master. The member chosen shall be declared elected when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master-elect. If not confirmed, or the member decline to act, the Grand Master shall ask that another choice be made.

42. All the other Officers of Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect. He shall announce the appointments previous to his installation. They shall be invested after the installation of the elective Officers.

43. All Officers of Grand Lodge must hold the rank of Past Master and be members of Grand Lodge.

44. Should any office in Grand Lodge become vacant, the Grand Master may appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy.

DUTIES AND POWER OF GRAND MASTER

45. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master:

(a) To preside, if present, at all Communications of Grand Lodge.

(b) To present at the Annual Communication a written report reviewing the general condition of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction, enumerating all rulings and important official acts during the year, and recommending the legislation he may deem necessary or expedient for the continued welfare of the Craft.

(c) To constitute newly-chartered Lodges.

(d) To exercise a general supervision over the Craft in his jurisdiction.

(e) To examine new or revised by-laws of Lodges, and approve them if he finds them correct.

46. The powers of the Grand Master, between Annual Communications of Grand Lodge shall include the following:

(a) To grant dispensations; (1) To establish new Lodges; (2) to elect and instal (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by this constitution; (3) to authorize any Lodge or Lodges to receive and act upon petitions for initiation from persons who do not possess the resident qualifications prescribed by this constitution; (4) to authorize Lodges to receive and act upon new petitions from rejected applicants for initiation, without regard to the time limit prescribed by this Constitution; (5) to authorize any Lodge to confer a degree on a candidate in less than four weeks from the time he received the preceding degree, and to waive proof of proficiency; (6) to relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Lodge whose charter has been arrested or has lapsed, upon such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper; (7) to authorize any other act or procedure by a Lodge that is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

(b) To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Lodge, and thereby suspend its activities during his pleasure.

(c) To suspend from office any Grand Officer or District Deputy Grand Master, or any Officer of a Lodge, or to restore him after suspension.

(d) To require any Grand Officer to attend him for the purpose of making a report and to report regarding his official position, and to produce any documents or correspondence in his possession that may relate to the business of Grand Lodge.

(e) To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from those

Grand Lodges.

- (f) To decide all questions of Masonic Law submitted to him.
- (g) To call a meeting of a Lodge for a special purpose.
- (h) To preside in a Lodge and direct its proceedings.
- (i) To summon the Master of a Lodge to attend him or any other Grand Officer or a Committee of the Board, and to require the production of the charter, books, papers or accounts of the Lodge.
- (j) To send a Grand Officer to visit a Lodge and make a report.
- (k) To pass in review the record or activities of a Lodge.
- (l) To officiate at all ceremonies.
- (m) To require any Grand Officer to attend him on his official visits.
- (n) To permit the "healing" of a candidate irregularly conducted through the ceremony of a degree.
- (o) To call a special meeting of the Board.
- (p) To exercise all other privileges and prerogatives that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

47. The Grand Master may be consulted officially on any subject relating to the Craft, but only through the Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master.

DUTIES OF OTHER ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS

48. In case of the death, illness, resignation or absence from the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, or if directed so to do by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall assume the duties and be vested with the powers of the Grand Master, or shall assume such duties and for such period and be vested with such prerogatives and powers of the Grand Master as the Grand Master may in writing direct.

49. The Senior Grand Warden, and in his absence the Junior Grand Warden, in case of the death, illness, resignation or absence from the jurisdiction of the Deputy Grand Master or if directed so to do by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, shall assume the duties and be vested with the prerogatives and powers of the Deputy Grand Master.

50. The Grand Wardens, when they accompany the Grand Master on his Official visits, shall act as his Wardens while he presides in a Lodge.

51. A District Deputy Grand Master must be a Past Master in good standing of a Lodge in the district from which he is chosen. He must be able to satisfy the Grand Master that he is familiar with the management of a Lodge, proficient in the work of the degrees, and competent to interpret the provisions of this Constitution and the regulations of Grand Lodge.

52. The duties of the District Deputy Grand Master shall be:

(a) To visit officially every Lodge in his District at least once in his term.

(b) To preside, at his discretion, in a Lodge on the occasion of his official visit; to ascertain its condition; to examine its books and records; to give instruction and advice to the Master, Officers and members.

(c) To draw particular attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Freemasonry.

(d) To assure himself that the Secretary of every Lodge in the District forwards promptly to the Grand Secretary's Office the official returns, together with all fees due to Grand Lodge.

(e) To make a report to the Grand Secretary on the form prescribed for that purpose for the information of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry within ten days after each official visit made by him.

(f) To prepare in duplicate on forms furnished by the Grand Secretary a tabular statement showing the condition of the Lodges in the district for the year ending December 31, and to transmit it to the Grand Secretary on or before April 30.

(g) To prepare in duplicate a report on the general condition of Freemasonry in the district, with a summary of his official acts, and to transmit it to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15, and to read this report at the District meeting held during the Annual Communication.

(h) To receive and transmit to the Grand Secretary any petition for a dispensation to establish a new Lodge, or for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another in the district. With this application he shall send a recommendation based on enquiries he has made.

(i) To appoint a district chaplain and a district secretary.

(j) To undertake any other responsibility that may be entrusted to him by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, or the Board.

53. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the devotional ceremonies at the communications of Grand Lodge. He shall also prepare an address on a Masonic topic, for delivery at the Annual Communication.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

54. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of: The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Historian, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Librarian, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and sixteen elected members. The election of any member of the Board as a District Deputy Grand Master shall not affect his position as an elected member.

55. The Board may appoint honorary members, who may take part in the discussion of questions brought before it, and vote. The appointment of an honorary member, to be permanent, must be confirmed by Grand Lodge. Every honorary member must have given at least ten years' service to the Board, previous to his appointment.

56. The Deputy Grand Master shall be President of the Board. He shall fix the time for the first meeting and shall announce it at the conclusion of the election of officers. At this meeting, the Board shall elect a Vice-President. It shall also elect a nominating Committee of five, for the purpose of appointing the Chairmen and members of the various standing committees. This nominating committee shall submit its report at the next subsequent meeting of the Board.

57. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held in Winnipeg, on the third Friday of June, September, November, February and April, except when the third Friday of the month falls on a public holiday in which case the regular meeting for such month shall be held on the second Friday. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Grand Master, the President or in their absence from Winnipeg, by the Vice-President. Written notice of all meetings giving an outline of the business to be transacted, shall be sent to every member by the Grand Secretary at least six days in advance. Special meetings of the Board during the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge may be announced by the Grand Secretary without regard to the six day's written notice. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

58. The Board shall order the issue of Certificates as required by Section 9 of cap. 123 of the Act of the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba, and being 14 George V. entitled "An Act respecting Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

59. The Board shall have power to hear and pass judgment on charges against a Lodge, a Master or a Master Mason, including charges of infraction of the provisions of this Constitution. It shall decide whether or not an accusation warrants a trial; if so, it shall appoint a Commission to hear and report on the issue. The report of the Commission, if adopted by the Board shall constitute the judgment.

The Board shall have power to enforce its judgment. If this action shall have necessitated the arresting of the Charter or Dispensation of a Lodge, the Board shall report all the circumstances to Grand Lodge.

60. An appeal may be taken to Grand Lodge from a judgment of the Board. Notice of appeal must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within 21 days after notification of the judgment has been sent to the Lodge, Master or Master Mason under accusation.

61. The Board may summon the Master of any Lodge to attend it or any of its committees, and may order the production of the Charter or dispensation, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If the summons or order be disobeyed, the Board may recommend to the Grand Master that the Charter or dispensation be arrested.

62. If a charge is laid against any member of the Board or against the Lodge to which he belongs, he shall withdraw while the report of the Commission is being considered and the judgment prepared.

63. The Board or any committee acting under its direction shall have power to inspect all books, papers, documents or accounts of Grand Lodge, and for this purpose may summon any Grand Officer to appear before it.

64. The Board shall have power to order any change in the system of accounting or in the keeping of records in the Grand

Secretary's Office. It may on request remit to any Lodge the fee paid on account of the issue of a dispensation.

65. The Board shall control the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

66. The Board shall make a recommendation to the Grand Master on every petition for a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge, and to Grand Lodge on every petition for a charter.

67. The Board shall prescribe forms of petition for initiation or affiliation in Lodges, as well as all forms for use by Grand Lodge or any of its officers.

68. The Board shall have power to invest the funds of Grand Lodge in first mortgages on improved real estate in the Province of Manitoba or in Canadian securities in the form of Dominion, Provincial or Municipal bonds, debentures or stocks, and may delegate such powers to a committee appointed by it.

69. The Board shall have control of all real property belonging to Grand Lodge. The Board shall have the power to repair, improve, sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise deal with any of the property of Grand Lodge on terms that the Board may consider suitable, and may delegate such power and control to a committee appointed by it.

70. The Board may consider and make recommendations on any subject concerning the welfare of the Craft, including the regulation or government of Grand Lodge.

71. The Board shall submit to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a written report, giving a summary of the business transacted and the decisions reached by it during the year.

72. All communications and recommendations submitted to or sent by the Board must be in writing.

73. All matters referred to the Board by the Grand Master or

Grand Lodge, shall take precedence in the order of business at its meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES

74. The Standing committees of the Board shall be:

- (a) Credentials and Elections.
- (b) Reception
- (c) Jurisprudence and Appeals
- (d) Condition of Freemasonry
- (e) Correspondence
- (f) Investments.
- (g) Finance.
- (h) Benevolence.
- (i) Masonic Research and Education.
- (j) Foreign Relations.

75. The duties of the various committees shall be as follows:

(a) Credentials and Elections.

To provide facilities for and to supervise the registration of all members attending Grand Lodge.

To examine credentials and to distribute ballots to those entitled thereto.

To supervise the election of officers of Grand Lodge and members of the Board in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

To present a report to Grand Lodge during the Annual Communication.

(b) Reception.

To arrange accommodation for all communications of Grand Lodge.

To arrange for the examination and reception of visitors.

To make arrangements for any entertainment provided by the Board for the Members of Grand Lodge.

(c) Jurisprudence and Appeals.

To keep a record of all rulings made by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or the Board.

To consider and report upon proposed amendments to the constitution or regulations of Grand Lodge.

To advise the Grand Master, Grand Lodge and the Board, on constitutional matters.

(d) Condition of Freemasonry.

To make a close study of the condition of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction and for this purpose to secure the co-operation of the Grand Officers (particularly the District Deputy Grand Masters) and the Masters of Lodges; to make recommendations to any of these Officers with the object of assisting or encouraging Lodges.

To review the Annual Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, paying particular attention to any important or unusual circumstances.

To recommend any District Deputy Grand Master, who has faithfully discharged his duty, for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master.

To investigate and report when: (1) a Lodge becomes dormant; (2) A Lodge asks permission to surrender its Charter; (3) A Lodge Charter is arrested.

To investigate the condition of a Lodge under dispensation and make a recommendation regarding the issue of a Charter.

(e) Correspondence.

To review the printed or written proceedings or documents forwarded from Grand Lodges holding fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

(f) Investments.

To invest the moneys at the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund in any of the securities authorized by this constitution.

To supervise the collection by the Grand Secretary of the moneys due to the Benevolent Endowment Fund on its investments.

To manage all other investments of Grand Lodge.

To repair, improve, lease, mortgage, sell, exchange, or otherwise deal with any real property of Grand Lodge.

(g) Finance.

To supervise all matters relating to the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

To present to the Board before every Annual Communication an estimate of the receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the following year.

(h) Benevolence.

To administer the moneys at the credit of the Beneficiary Fund of Grand Lodge, as provided in sub-section (b) of Section 11 of this Constitution, or any other moneys placed at its disposal by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

(i) Masonic Research and Education.

To arrange for the preparation and distribution of essays of Masonic interest; to control the Library of Grand Lodge; to prepare, for immediate publication in the press, a suitable report of the proceedings of each session of the Annual Communication.

(j) Foreign Relations.

To enquire into and report upon the advisability of establishing fraternal intercourse or relationship with other Grand Masonic bodies not recognized by this Grand Lodge.

76. The Board shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy on a Committee.

77. The Committees shall act under the general supervision of the Board and shall make detailed reports to it at the September and February meetings. They shall make special reports at any time, at the request of the Board.

78. Every committee shall send to the Grand Secretary not later than May 15., a report covering its work for the year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

79. The Board shall appoint the following Special Committees:

(a) On the Grand Master's Address.

This Committee shall review the address of the Grand Master, and make a report to Grand Lodge.

(b) On the Grand Secretary's Report.

This Committee shall review the report of the Grand Secretary, and make a report to Grand Lodge.

(c) On the Fraternal Dead.

This Committee shall report to Grand Lodge the losses sustained by the Craft through the death of members during the year.

DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER

80. The Grand Treasurer shall countersign all cheques issued on the order of any committee authorized by this Constitution to disburse Grand Lodge Funds. He shall have the custody of the bond furnished by the Grand Secretary. He shall be a member, ex-officio, of the Investment Committee.

DUTIES OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

81. The duties of the Grand Secretary shall be:

(a) To attend the communications of Grand Lodge and all meetings of the Board and of the standing and Special committees thereof, and to act as Secretary of Grand Lodge and of the Board and of its Committees, except when otherwise ordered by the Board. To have charge of all clerical work, correspondence and records having to do with, and arising out of, the communications of Grand Lodge and the meetings of the Board, and of its Committees. To call meetings of the Board, and of its committees and maintain a general oversight to see that their activities are being carried out in accordance with the responsibilities placed upon them.

(b) To have benevolent oversight of the affairs of constituent Lodges and correspondence and negotiations arising therefrom.

(c) To collect all moneys due to Grand Lodge and to deposit them at least weekly in the name of Grand Lodge, at the credit of an account in a chartered bank selected by the Board.

(d) To issue and sign cheques on the bank account of Grand Lodge, on warrants from the Chairman of any Committee of the Board authorized to disburse the funds of Grand Lodge.

(e) To keep books of account, in which shall be shown all moneys received by and payments made for Grand Lodge, together with all sums due to or owing by Grand Lodge.

(f) To have the custody of the Grand Lodge Seal, jewels, regalia, furniture and supplies.

(g) To affix the seal, where the same is required, to all Grand Lodge documents.

(h) To furnish to the Grand Treasurer within fifteen days after the Annual Communication a bond satisfactory to the Board.

(i) To have charge of the administration and management of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge, subject to the direction of the Committee on Investments.

(j) To have charge of the administration and management of the Beneficiary Fund of Grand Lodge, subject to the direction of the Committee on Benevolence.

(k) To present at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge:
(1) A statement in detail showing all moneys received and disbursed by Grand Lodge during the year; (2) a statement in detail of the indebtedness of Lodges to Grand Lodge; (3) a summary of the membership of the Lodges; (4) a list of members of Lodges who have been expelled, suspended or restored; (5) a list of dispensations granted by the Grand Master; (6) a list of Charters issued, surrendered or arrested; (7) a list of Lodge By-Laws and amendments approved; (8) a list of Grand Representatives appointed since the previous annual Communication; (9) all items of unfinished business from the previous Annual Communication.

Copies of these statements shall be presented to the Board at least ten days before the Annual Communication.

(l) To employ such clerical assistance for the office of the Grand Secretary as may be necessary for efficient administration, subject to the approval of the Board.

(m) To report to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry any instance of neglect or refusal on the part of a Lodge to comply with the provisions of this Constitution.

(n) To notify every Lodge of the granting of a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge.

(o) To keep, in a form prescribed by the Board, a register showing the names and Masonic records of all members of Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

(p) To prepare and issue all Charters, dispensations, certificates, commissions and other documents ordered by Grand Lodge, the Grand Master or the Board.

(q) To keep a special record of all members of the Craft, who are members of more than one Constituent Lodge, of the Lodges of which they are members and in the event of suspension of any such member from any such Lodge, to give notice promptly of such suspension to all the Lodges of which the suspended Freemason is a member.

(r) To perform any other duties assigned him by Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the Board, or any Committee of the Board.

82. The salaries of the Grand Secretary and his office staff and of the auditor, shall be payable from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

83. The account books of Grand Lodge shall be closed on March 31. They shall be audited by a qualified Chartered Accountant, to be engaged by the Board. He shall prepare a report for the Board, to be submitted to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

DUTIES OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

84. The Grand Historian shall during his term of office compile a record of all matters relating to the current History of Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master.

DUTIES OF THE GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

85. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall direct the organization of the Grand Lodge before it is opened, shall introduce visitors, direct the formation of processions, and execute the commands of the Grand Master. In addition to his other duties, he shall have the care, during the Communication of Grand Lodge, of the clothing, regalia and jewels belonging to it.

DUTIES OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

86. The Grand Librarian shall:

(a) Act as custodian and distributor of the books and other literature belonging to Grand Lodge Library.

(b) Classify and catalogue the books.

(c) Prepare and submit to the Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, for their approval, a summary of his activities for the year.

DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

87. The Grand Deacons, Grand Organist and Grand Stewards shall attend all communications of Grand Lodge and shall perform the duties prescribed for them by the Grand Master.

88. The Grand Pursuivant shall have charge of the entrance to Grand Lodge hall, and shall admit members vouched for by the Grand Tyler.

89. The Grand Tyler shall preserve order outside the entrance to Grand Lodge Hall. He shall satisfy himself that members seeking admission are properly qualified, and shall announce their names to the Grand Pursuivant. He shall perform any other duties assigned to him by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE FEES

90. The fees payable to Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

For a dispensation to form a Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a Charter, thirty-five dollars.

For a new Charter to replace one lost, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to waive the time limitation, or to re-ballot, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a candidate residing outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to attend Divine Service in Masonic Clothing, one dollar.

For a dispensation to hold a special election or installation, five dollars, which fee may be waived at the discretion of the Grand Master.

For the registration of a member by initiation, two dollars.

For a Master Mason's Certificate, two dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate to replace one lost or cancelled, one dollar.

For a Past Master's Certificate, one dollar.

For a Life Membership, ten dollars, of which five dollars shall be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund.

For a Life Member's Certificate, one dollar.

For every member not a life member, an annual fee of one dollar, payable one half thereof on the first day of January and one half thereof on the first day of July in each year, such payments to be based on the Lodge membership as at the 31 day of December and the 30 day of June respectively immediately preceding such payments. Each Lodge shall pay the said annual dues for such members before the expiration of three weeks from the dates, first above mentioned in each year.

INSIGNIA AND CLOTHING

91. The insignia and clothing to be worn by officers and members of Grand Lodge and of Lodges, shall be as follows:

JEWELS

Grand Master The compasses extended to an angle of 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points; within this a gold plate on which is represented an eye irradiated, within a triangle also irradiated.

Past Grand Master . . .	.A similar jewel without the gold plate.
Deputy Grand Master . . .	.The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.
Past Deputy Grand Master . . . . .	.The compasses and square united.
Senior Grand Warden . . .	.The level.
Junior Grand Warden . . .	.The plumb.
District Deputy Grand Master . . . . .	.The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, surrounded by a circle on which is engraved the number of the district.
Past District Deputy Grand Master . . . .	.The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.
Grand Treasurer . . . .	.A chased key.
Grand Secretary . . . .	.Crossed pens with a tie.
Grand Chaplain . . . .	.A book on a triangle.
Grand Historian . . . .	.An open book upon the square and compasses.
Grand Director of Ceremonies . . . . .	.Two rods crossed.
Grand Librarian	
Grand Deacons . . . . .	.A dove and olive branch.
Grand Organist . . . .	.A lyre.
Grand Stewards . . . . .	.A cornucopia within the compasses extended upon an irradiated gold plate, surrounded by a circle on

which is engraved "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

Grand Pursuivant Arms of the Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and Grand Pursuivant are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

Grand Tyler A sword in a circle on which is engraved "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

These jewels shall be of gold or gilt.

Master of Lodge The square.

Past Master The square with a pendant, on which is engraved the diagram of the 47th proposition of the first book of Euclid.

Senior Warden A level.

Junior Warden A plumb.

Treasurer Two keys crossed.

Secretary Two pens crossed.

Chaplain A book on a triangle.

Director of Ceremonies . Two rods crossed.

Deacon A dove.

Stewards A cornucopia.

Organist A lyre.

Inner Guard Two swords crossed.

Tyler A sword.

These jewels shall be of silver.

COLLARS

Grand Master	Chain with nine stars over garter blue silk.
Deputy Grand Master .	Chain with seven stars over garter blue silk.
Grand—Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary	Chain with emblem of Office on pendant.
Grand Stewards	Crimson silk, four inches wide, bound with silver lace.
Other Grand Officers .	Garter blue ribbon, four inches wide bound with silver lace.

APRONS

Aprons shall be of lambskin, with distinctive ornaments as follows:

Grand Master	Embroidered in gold with a fringe of gold bullion; in the centre the blazing sun, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, and at each corner and on the flap the seven-eared wheat.
Present and Past	
Deputy Grand Master .	Embroidered in gold with the emblem of office in the centre and the pomegranate and the lotus on the edging.
District Deputy Grand Master	Embroidered in gold with the emblem of office in the centre and with the acacia and seven-eared wheat on the edging on either side.

Grand Stewards . . . .	. Border of crimson silk, edged with silver braid and silver fringe, emblem of office in silver in the centre.
Other Grand Officers . .	. Border of blue silk, edging with gold braid and gold fringe, emblem of office in gold or blue in the centre.
Past Grand Officers . .	. Lambskin, sixteen inches in width by fourteen inches in depth, with a flap in the form of a square; the upper border to be faced with garter blue silk one inch wide, and the others with the garter blue silk three inches wide; embroidered in the centre in gold silk with the emblem of rank.
Master or Past Master of Lodge . . . . .	. Border of sky blue silk with silver tassels, near each lower corner and on the flap a T-square of silver.
Officers of Lodges . . .	. Border of sky blue silk and silver tassels; a sky blue rosette near each lower corner and on the flap; the emblem of office in the centre.
Master Mason . . . . .	. Border of sky blue silk and silver tassels; a sky blue rosette near each lower corner and on the flap. An officer of a Lodge may have the emblem of his office in the centre of his apron.
Fellow Craft . . . . .	. Lambskin with a sky blue rosette near each lower corner.

Entered Apprentice . . . Plain lambskin.

UNDRESS CLOTHING

The following undress regalia and insignia may be worn by Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge:

APRONS

Grand Master

Present and Past . . . A plain white lambskin, seventeen inches wide, fifteen inches deep, inclusive of a four inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.

Past District Deputy

Grand Master . . . Apron of the same dimensions bordered with four inch wide garter blue ribbon, with the name of the district in a circle, surmounting a square and compass, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.

Past Grand Treasurer

. . . Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia, with three levels and gilt chain tassel.

Past Grand Secretary

. . . Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia, with three levels and gilt chain tassels.

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- Past Grand Chaplain** . . Apron of same dimensions, with the book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.
- Past Grand Historian** . . Apron of same dimensions, with jewel of office in centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Director of Ceremonies** Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Librarian** . .
- Past Grand Deacons** . . Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Organist** . . Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Steward** . . Apron of same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide, with a flap, bordered with ribbon two inches wide, and levels of crimson silk and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon in the centre, no embroidery.
- Past Grand Pursuivant** . Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed;

embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

92. If any Lodge shall have adopted a special style of regalia previous to June, 1910, it may continue to use it, but any changes must be in conformity with these provisions.

93. When attending a communication of Grand Lodge or making a visit to a Lodge in his official capacity, an officer of Grand Lodge shall wear the jewel, collar, and apron of his office.

94. A Past Grand Officer may wear the collar and apron of his rank.

95. The insignia and clothing specified by this Constitution shall be worn only at meetings of Lodges or at other gatherings authorized by Grand Lodge.

FORMATION OF A LODGE

96. A petition to the Grand Master, from seven or more Master Masons in good standing, for a dispensation, shall be required for the formation of a Lodge. Every petitioner must be a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, but this provision shall not apply when there is no other Lodge in the city, town or village at which the meetings of the proposed Lodge will be held. The form of petition shall be prescribed by the Board and furnished by the Grand Secretary. The petition shall be accompanied by the certificates of standing or dimits of the petitioners.

97. The petitioners shall apply for a certificate of endorsation from the Lodge nearest to the place where it is proposed to form a new Lodge. Where two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, the application may be made to any one of them, but notice of it must be sent to all the others.

98. A Lodge may grant the application for endorsation only after it has passed a resolution to that effect. If any of

the petitioners are unaffiliated with Lodges in this Jurisdiction, it shall investigate their character and fitness in the same way as in the case of petitioners for affiliation. It may adopt that procedure with regard to all the petitioners, if it chooses to do so.

99. The Lodge giving endorsation shall complete the certificate of consent attached to the form of petition. This endorsation shall be necessary before the petition can succeed. A certificate of approval from the District Deputy Grand Master shall also be required, following an investigation by him under the provisions of Section 52 (h).

100. The Grand Secretary, after receiving the petition, shall refer it to the Board for consideration. A recommendation from the Board shall be required before the Grand Master gives his decision. The Grand Master may grant or reject the petition.

101. The duties and powers of a Lodge under dispensation shall be similar to those of a chartered Lodge. The By-Laws for its use shall be prescribed by the Board.

102. A petition for a Charter from a Lodge under dispensation shall contain evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that it has been working for at least four months. It shall be sent to the Grand Secretary not later than the fifteenth day of May for consideration at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. It must be accompanied by the dispensation, By-Laws and books of record of the Lodge.

103. If a Lodge under dispensation does not forward to the Grand Secretary for consideration at the Annual Communication a petition for a Charter, the dispensation, unless it is arrested by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, shall continue in effect until the fifteenth day of May in the following year.

104. After receiving from the Board a report on a petition for a Charter, Grand Lodge may order it to be issued. The name and number of the Lodge shall be designated in the Charter. Grand

Lodge may decline to grant the petition and order the Lodge to continue under dispensation for a further period of twelve months or may refuse the petition, cancel the dispensation and order the Lodge to be dissolved. In the event of a dispensation being continued for twelve months, no further continuance shall be granted.

105. In the event of a Charter being granted, the Lodge shall be constituted within three months.

106. A lodge must have been regularly instituted and registered on the register of Grand Lodge before it can be recognized. It may continue its activities, unless its Charter or dispensation be surrendered, arrested or revoked, as long as it has seven or more members in good standing who are Master Masons.

107. A Lodge takes precedence according to the serial number given to it in its Charter.

108. A Lodge shall not recognize any body in this jurisdiction purporting to be a Craft Lodge that does not hold a Charter or dispensation from Grand Lodge. Its members shall not visit that body or hold Masonic intercourse with any of its members.

109. A Lodge shall recognize as Freemasons only those persons who have been initiated in a Lodge holding a Charter or dispensation from Grand Lodge, or from a Grand Lodge in fraternal relationship with it.

110. The officers of a Lodge are the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Organist, Inner Guard and Tyler.

111. All Officers shall be Master Masons in good standing and with the exception of the Tyler, they must be members of the Lodge.

POWERS OF A LODGE

112. The powers of a Lodge are derived from its Charter or dispensation, from this Constitution, and from the regulations of Grand Lodge. They may be defined broadly as follows:

(a) To conduct its work and transact its business, under the control and direction of the Master, the primary executive authority; to conduct any other work under dispensation from the Grand Master.

(b) To pass by-laws for its own government and to enact any other measure relating to its affairs. All by-laws must be consistent with this Constitution and the regulations of Grand Lodge.

(c) To enforce discipline upon its members, and upon any other Freemasons residing in its jurisdiction, subject in all cases to appeal to the Board or to Grand Lodge.

(d) The Charter or Dispensation must be in the possession of the Lodge and displayed at every meeting. If it be lost or destroyed, a Dispensation for the transaction of business must be secured from the Grand Master.

113. The By-Laws of a Lodge shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master, and when approved, a copy shall be filed with the Grand Secretary. All amendments and additions to By-Laws shall be submitted and filed in the same manner.

114. The duties of a Lodge are as follows:

(a) To provide an Official Seal.

(b) To have its By-Laws written or printed in a book. Every member at the time of his initiation or affiliation shall affix his signature to them, as a declaration of his willingness to obey them.

(c) To provide every member with a copy of its By-Laws and a copy of this Constitution.

(d) To provide a register, which shall be signed at every meeting by all members and visitors in attendance before they enter the Lodge.

(e) To provide the books and forms prescribed by Grand Lodge.

(f) To make a return of the Lodge membership to the Grand Secretary within three weeks after June 30 and December 31, on forms supplied for that purpose; to file a copy of this return with its records.

(g) To remit with such return, all moneys owing by it to Grand Lodge.

(h) To provide in its By-Laws for the appointment of two or more Master Masons as auditors, who shall make an annual audit of the books and submit a report to the Lodge. A member of the Lodge while holding office shall be ineligible for the position of auditor.

MEETINGS

115. The day and hour of the regular meetings of a Lodge shall be stated in its By-Laws.

116. Emergent meetings may be held only for the conferring of degrees, for funerals or for any other ceremonial purpose.

117. A written summons for each meeting, regular or emergent, containing a statement of the business to be transacted thereat shall be mailed or delivered to all members in a sealed envelope, at least seven days before the date of meeting, except in the case of funeral emergent meetings. The attendance of at least seven members shall be necessary for the transaction of business or the conferring of degrees.

118. A meeting shall not be adjourned to another day.

119. Business shall be transacted in the Master Mason Degree.

120. All meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the place and in the premises designated by the Board. No change shall be made unless authorized by a resolution of the Lodge, passed at a regular meeting of the Lodge by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present at such meeting. No such resolution shall be proposed unless at least one month's previous notice shall have been given to the members of the Lodge. No such resolution shall have any effect or be acted upon until the same has been approved by the District Deputy Grand Master and by the Board save that the Grand Master may for causes deemed by him sufficient, grant a dispensation for a temporary change in the place of meeting of the Lodge.

ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

121. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of a Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot, at the regular meeting in November. A Tyler shall be elected either by ballot or by open vote at such meeting. A majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect each such officer.

122. The officers elected shall be installed in person at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, or on the commemoration of St. John the Evangelist. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

123. All the other officers shall be appointed by the Master after he has been elected, unless the by-laws of the Lodge require the election of any of them by ballot. A member may not hold more than one office at the same time. The appointed officers shall be invested at the meeting at which the elected officers are installed.

124. If a Lodge shall have failed to elect its officers at the regular meeting in November, or if a vacancy occur in the office of any elective officer, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to

hold an election. The intention to hold an election under this dispensation must be stated in the summons calling the meeting.

125. A member must have been regularly elected and installed as Warden to be eligible for election to the office of Master, except in the case of a Lodge under dispensation. Any member in good standing who has the rank of Master Mason, shall be eligible for any office except that of Master.

(a) No Master Mason shall be eligible to any office unless his dues, including dues for the current year, have been paid.

DUTY OF MASTER

126. It shall be the duty of the Master:

(a) To control and direct the activities of the Lodge and its officers.

(b) To convoke the Lodge and preside at its meetings.

(c) To confer or arrange with a Past Master to confer the degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. No degree shall be conferred by any person who is not a Master or Past Master.

(d) To require that the provisions of this Constitution, the regulations of Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge be observed.

(e) To have the custody of the Charter, books, documents, papers, furniture and Regalia of the Lodge, and to produce them on the order of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, the Board or any of its Committees.

DUTIES OF WARDENS

127. The Wardens shall assist the Master in conducting the affairs of the Lodge.

128. If the Master be absent the Senior Warden or in his

absence the Junior Warden may preside and have the powers and perform the duties of the Master except in the conferring of degrees, but shall take his seat in front of the Master's Chair.

129. If the Master and both Wardens be absent, a Past Master shall preside.

130. If the Master die, be removed from office or become incapable of discharging his duties, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, or a Past Master appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, shall convoke the Lodge until the next installation of officers.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

131. The Treasurer shall countersign all cheques of the Lodge issued by order of the Master. He shall perform any other duties that may be assigned to him by the By-Laws of the Lodge. He shall have the custody of the Bond furnished by the Secretary.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

132. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

(a) To issue, under the direction of the Master, the summons for each meeting. It shall be prepared under the direction of the Master, and shall contain a summary of the business that is to come before the meeting. Notices of motion must be set forth in full. The summons shall be sent to all members of the Lodge, the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, in sealed enclosures.

(b) To attend the meetings of the Lodge and make a record of its proceedings.

(c) To conduct the correspondence of the Lodge and file copies in a form convenient for reference.

(d) To collect all moneys due to the Lodge and deposit them

at least once a month to the credit of an account, in the name of the Lodge, in a Chartered Bank selected by it.

(e) To issue a receipt to a member upon payment of his dues, on a form prescribed by the Board.

(f) To issue and sign cheques on the order of the Master, in payment of accounts passed by the Lodge.

(g) To have the custody of the official seal of the Lodge, and to send an impression of it to the Grand Secretary.

(h) To notify by letter every petitioner for membership of the acceptance, withdrawal or rejection of his petition.

(i) To transmit the half-yearly returns to the Grand Secretary in the form prescribed by Grand Lodge.

(j) To transmit to the Grand Secretary immediately after the election and installation of officers, a certificate in the form prescribed by Grand Lodge.

(k) To notify promptly the Grand Secretary and all Lodges in the District, of any rejections, suspensions or restorations.

(l) To produce any books, papers or documents of the Lodge, when required by the District Deputy Grand Master or the Master.

(m) To furnish an approved fidelity bond, premium to be paid by the Lodge.

(n) To affix the seal of the Lodge to the By-Laws and all other Lodge documents.

(o) To issue to each Life Member not later than the fifteenth day of January in each year, a visiting certificate on the form prescribed by the Board.

He shall keep, in a form prescribed by the Board, the following books:

(p) A minute book, in which he shall record the proceedings of the Lodge.

(q) A book of By-Laws in which he shall secure the signature of every member at the time of admission.

(r) An historical register in the form prescribed by the Board.

(s) A book in which he shall record the full names of all members who have been suspended, expelled or restored, and of all persons whose petitions have been rejected. He shall also record their the names of all persons whose petitions have been withdrawn and shall state briefly the reasons.

(t) An Attendance Register.

(u) All necessary books of account.

133. The duties of the other officers of the Lodge shall be defined by the By-Laws.

134. Any Officer of a Lodge, except the Master, may be dismissed from office at any regular meeting for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the members present. Notice of a resolution to this effect shall have been stated in the summons for the meeting. He may be re-instated, after notice, at any subsequent regular meeting by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present.

135. Every official communication from the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Master or the Board or any of its Committees, shall be read in Lodge at the next regular meeting and noted in the Minutes.

LODGE JURISDICTION

136. The territorial jurisdiction of Lodges in the City of Winnipeg shall be exclusive within the limits of that City. It shall extend into any neighboring municipality, as long as no Lodge exists there, to a point half-way between the City limits and the nearest Lodge in that direction.

The territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge outside the City of

Winnipeg, shall extend to lines drawn half-way between its meeting place and those of the nearest Lodges in all directions.

In Cities and towns where there are two or more Lodges, their jurisdiction shall be concurrent.

137. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired:

(a) By having been regularly initiated; or (b) by having been elected for affiliation, or honorary membership or (c) in the case of a new Lodge, by having been named in the dispensation.

138. A Lodge shall grant a dimit in the form prescribed by the Board to a member making written application, if his dues are fully paid and no charges have been preferred against him. The application must be read and a resolution passed in the Lodge before the dimit is granted. No fee shall be charged.

139. A member of a Lodge whose Charter or dispensation is lapsed, surrendered, arrested or revoked, may apply to the Grand Secretary for a certificate of his standing at the time of the lapse, surrender, arrest or revocation.

140. A member who was in arrears at the time of the lapse, surrender, arrest or revocation of a Charter or dispensation must pay his arrears as at the time of such lapse, surrender, arrest or revocation to the Grand Secretary when making application for a certificate of standing, but it shall be the duty of the Board to consider the merits of the application and to approve or reject it. A Certificate issued under these circumstances shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by a Lodge.

141. Membership in a Lodge can be terminated only through the surrender, arrest or revocation of the Charter or dispensation of the Lodge, by obtaining a dimit, or by death, suspension or expulsion.

142. A petitioner to a Lodge for the degrees of Freemasonry must be a male person at least 21 years of age, of sound judgment

and strict morals, and professing a belief in the Supreme Being. He must be able to read and write the English language, and must have resided in the Province of Manitoba for twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge for six months immediately preceding the date of his petition.

143. He shall present to a Lodge a petition to which he shall have signed his full name, on a form prescribed by the Board. The petition must be endorsed in writing by two members of the Lodge who are Master Masons, and must be presented at a regular meeting.

144. If a petition is received by the Lodge, it shall be referred to a special Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three or more members who are Master Masons, to be appointed by the Master. The names of these members shall be inscribed on the petition, but shall not be communicated to the Lodge. The members who endorse the petition, or those who are mentioned as references, shall be ineligible to act on the Committee dealing with it.

145. A period of at least four weeks from the time the petition is received shall elapse before the Lodge acts upon the report of the Committee. In communities where two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, the period shall be at least two months. Each of the Lodges having this concurrent jurisdiction shall, within one month of the receipt of a petition for membership, notify, or cause to be notified, all the others.

146. The Master, instead of calling on the Committee for a report, may order the petition to be returned, if a majority of the Committee has not already filed with the Secretary an unfavorable report on it. A notation of the return of the petition shall be made in the Minutes.

147. If the Committee fails to make a report in three months, the Master may appoint a new committee.

148. In addition to any other investigations, it may make, the Committee must satisfy itself that a petitioner for the degrees of Freemasonry —

(a) Is of good moral character and professes belief in a Supreme Being.

(b) Is able to read and write the English language.

(c) Is in financial circumstances that give reasonable assurance of his being able to continue membership without inconvenience to those who may be dependent upon him.

(d) Is at least twenty-one years of age.

(e) Has not been rejected by a Lodge during the twelve months immediately preceding the date of the petition.

(f) Has resided in the Province of Manitoba for twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge for six months immediately preceding the date of the petition.

(g) Has not been engaged in Lodge work which he knew or should have known to be of a clandestine or irregular nature.

149. If the Committee finds that a petitioner possesses all the qualifications enumerated in Section 148, but that he is maimed, it shall make a report to that effect. The Lodge shall then determine by open vote whether a ballot shall be taken. The decision to ballot shall be unanimous. In the event of an unfavorable decision, the Master shall order the petition to be returned. If the ballot is favorable, the degrees may be conferred.

150. In the case of a petitioner who cannot comply with the residence qualifications, the Lodge must obtain a waiver of jurisdiction and a report on the character of the petitioner from a Lodge in the community where he last resided. If the waiver be obtained and the report be favorable, the Lodge before balloting shall ask the Grand Master to grant a dispensation. If the waiver be refused, the petition shall be returned to the petitioner. If the report be unfavorable, the petition shall be declared rejected.

151. A Lodge at the request of another Lodge may by a majority vote of its members present, waive jurisdiction over a petitioner for initiation.

152. Where Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a waiver must be obtained from a majority of them.

153. After the necessary waivers of jurisdiction have been obtained, the Lodge to which the petition has been presented must obtain a dispensation from the Grand Master before acting upon it.

154. If a Lodge ascertain it has not been called upon to grant the necessary waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate initiated in another Lodge, it may require the Lodge at fault to transmit to it the amount of the initiation fee. The Lodge at fault shall forthwith transmit the fee and shall request the Grand Master for a certificate establishing the regularity of the procedure.

155. In the case of a petitioner whose application for degrees has been rejected during the preceding twelve months, the Lodge must obtain from the Grand Master a dispensation authorizing it to receive and act upon the petition. The resolution asking for this dispensation shall have been passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

156. If the Grand Master declines to issue a dispensation enabling a Lodge to act upon a petition that does not comply with the provisions of this Constitution, the petition shall be returned to the petitioner together with any fee that may have accompanied it.

157. The summons for a Regular Meeting, at which there is to be a ballot on any petition, shall state the name in full, age and occupation and business and residence addresses of the petitioner, together with the names of the members who recommend him.

158. If the Lodge receive an unfavorable report from the majority of the investigating committee, the Master shall declare

the petition rejected. If it receives a favorable report from a majority of the Committee the petition shall be balloted on.

159. All members present shall vote. If the ballot is favorable, the Master shall declare that the petitioner has been elected to receive the degrees. If it is unfavorable, he shall declare that the petition has been rejected.

The following shall be the mode of balloting: By direction of the Master, the Senior Deacon will prepare the ballot-box, and present same to the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master in the order named for inspection, the Master shall then deposit his ballot from his chair after which the ballot-box will be placed on the Altar, the brethren commencing on the left of the Master shall approach the Altar, salute, deposit their ballot, salute and retire; after all the members have balloted and the Master has declared the ballot closed, the Senior Deacon shall present same to the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master in the order named for inspection, when, the Master, upon receiving the report of the finding of the Wardens, shall declare the result and destroy the ballot.

160. If the Master finds a ballot unfavorable, he may, without announcing the result, order a second ballot to be cast at once. Not more than two ballots may be taken, and there shall be no discussion regarding the second one.

161. A Lodge may, by By-Law, elect to use a printed or written ballot. A ballot is unfavorable if it contains two or more black balls or black cubes or adverse votes. If the By-Laws of a Lodge require a unanimous vote, one black ball or black cube or adverse vote shall be sufficient to make a ballot unfavorable.

162. Any member who violates the secrecy of the ballot shall be liable, in the first instance, to severe Masonic censure, and in the second instance to suspension for unmasonic conduct.

163. A petitioner for degrees whose application has been accepted may be initiated within twelve months, but only in the Lodge that has accepted his application. If he fails to attend for this purpose within the period of twelve months a new petition shall be required.

164. At the time of his initiation he shall sign the By-Laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution shall be presented to him.

165. After a Lodge has conferred the Master Mason degree on one of its members and he has passed a satisfactory examination he shall be entitled to a Master Mason's Certificate from Grand Lodge. The Lodge shall make application for this certificate, and pay the necessary fee, when it sends its next succeeding half-yearly returns to the Grand Secretary. The Master or Secretary shall require the member to sign his name in the margin of the certificate before it is delivered to him.

166. A petitioner for affiliation must be a Master Mason. He shall present a petition, to which he shall have signed his full name, on a form prescribed by the Board. He must attach to it a certificate of good standing from the Lodge to which he belongs, or a dimit. The petition must be endorsed in writing by two members of the Lodge who are Master Masons and must be presented at a regular meeting. Such petitioner shall set out in his petition all his other then existing membership in a Lodge or Lodges.

167. When a petition for affiliation is received by the Lodge, it shall be referred to a Special Committee of Inquiry, which, in addition to any other investigation it may make, shall satisfy itself that the petitioner:

(a) Is of good moral character, and professes a belief in a Supreme Being.

(b) Is able to read and write the English language.

(c) Is in financial circumstance that give reasonable assurance of his being able to continue membership, without inconvenience to those who may be dependent upon him.

168. The provision with regard to a petition for initiation shall be observed in the subsequent procedure, so far as they are applicable to a petition for affiliation.

169. A petitioner whose application for affiliation has been accepted, shall, at the first meeting at which he is present after being elected to membership, sign the By-Laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution, shall then be presented to him.

170. The rejection of a petition for initiation or affiliation shall be noted in a book, kept by the Lodge for that purpose, and shall be recorded in the Minutes. Notice of the rejection stating the name in full, occupation and business and residence addresses of the petitioner shall be sent to all the other Lodges in the district, or both districts if in Winnipeg.

171. A petitioner whose application for affiliation has been rejected, may present it to any Lodge at a subsequent regular meeting.

172. A Lodge may by ballot confer honorary membership for merit on any Master Mason in good standing, whose consent has been obtained. A resolution for that purpose must be submitted as a notice of motion and must appear in that form in the summons calling the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The provisions of the Constitution with respect to the ballot for membership shall be observed in dealing with the resolution. If the ballot is unfavorable notation to this effect shall be made in the Minutes but no other notice or notation shall be given or made.

173. The returns to Grand Lodge shall include the names of

the honorary members. The dues payable to Grand Lodge for honorary members shall be the same as for other members.

174. A Lodge may confer life membership on any of its members who are Master Masons in accordance with the provisions of its By-Laws.

175. The certificate of life membership shall be on a form prescribed by the Board.

176. A Lodge receiving into membership a life member of another Lodge, must pay the same dues and assessments to Grand Lodge on his account as it does for any other member.

177. Life and honorary members shall enjoy the same privileges, and be subject to the same measures of discipline as other members.

178. A Master Mason in good standing who is a member of a Lodge in this or any other jurisdiction, may make application for affiliation to another Lodge. The procedure by the Lodge to which the petition is presented shall be the same as in the case of any other application for affiliation.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO DEGREES

179. An Entered Apprentice may not receive the Fellow Craft degree, nor may a Fellow Craft receive the Master Mason degree before the expiration of four weeks from the date of his receiving the previous degree. Before he receives the Fellow Craft or Master Mason degree, he shall give satisfactory proof to the Lodge of his proficiency in the degree or degrees already conferred on him. These restrictions may be waived in exceptional circumstances, but only after a dispensation for the purpose has been obtained from the Grand Master.

180. A Lodge may confer the Entered Apprentice degree on not more than five candidates at one meeting.

181. A Lodge may request another Lodge to confer the Fellow Craft degree on an Entered Apprentice, or the Master Mason Degree on a Fellow Craft. The second Lodge shall not require a petition or ballot, but it must be satisfied regarding the qualifications of the candidate and may make an investigation for that purpose. The request shall be transmitted through the office of the Grand Secretary.

182. If a Lodge in which a member has received the Entered Apprentice degree, or the Fellow Craft degree, or both of them, go out of existence, he may make application, through the office of the Grand Secretary, to have the remaining degree or degrees conferred on him by another Lodge.

183. Objection may be made by any Master Mason to a petitioner for degrees after his petition has been accepted, and before he is initiated. Similarly it may be made before he proceeds to either of the other degrees. Every such objection shall be referred to a Committee for investigation and its report shall be presented at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, unless an extension of time be given by the Master of the Lodge. If the Committee or a majority of it find that the objection is sustained, a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to enable the petitioner to receive the degree or degrees. If he be prevented by the operation of this section from receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Master shall declare his petition rejected and direct that any fee paid by him be refunded. If he has received the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degree, the subsequent procedure shall be that which is prescribed for trials by the Board, and he shall be put upon his trial accordingly.

LODGE FEES AND DUES

184. A Lodge shall, by By-Law, fix the amount payable by the petitioner as a fee for the degrees. In no case shall the amount be less than thirty-five dollars. The whole fee must be

paid before the petitioner receives the Entered Apprentice degree.

185. A Lodge shall, by By-Law, fix the amount of the annual dues payable by its members. The Lodge may, by resolution at a regular meeting, remit the dues of any member.

186. In the event of suspension of any member for non-payment of dues it shall be the further duty of the Secretary before the 15th day of January thereafter, to notify the suspended member by registered letter of his suspension. The names of all members so suspended shall be read in open Lodge at the regular meeting next following such suspension.

187. The dues for the current year of a new member receiving the degrees shall be calculated from the time when the Entered Apprentice Degree is conferred on him; those for a new member by affiliation shall be calculated from the time when his petition is accepted.

VISITORS

188. A Lodge shall require every visitor to produce satisfactory documentary evidence that he is a member of, or a dimitted member from a constituent Lodge or a Lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge maintains fraternal relations. He shall either be vouched for by a member in good standing of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction present at the meeting who has on some previous occasion sat in a Lodge with such visitor or satisfactorily pass an examination at the hands of two well-skilled members appointed by the Master for that purpose. He must produce an official Lodge receipt showing his membership dues fully paid for the then last preceding year or a life member's certificate, or a dimit bearing a date of issue not more than one year prior to the date of such visit. He shall then be required to write his name, rank and address with the name and number of the Lodge from which he hails, in the Visitor's register of the Lodge.

189. An objection, raised by a member present, to the admission of a visitor, shall debar him from entering the Lodge.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

190. A Lodge may, by resolution, ask permission to surrender its Charter or dispensation. Notice of this resolution must have been given at a regular meeting, and must appear in the summons for the meeting at which it is proposed to take action. The resolution must be supported by at least three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken, before the Master can declare its adoption. The assent of Grand Lodge shall be required before the surrender of a Charter shall be considered final. The assent of the Grand Master shall be sufficient in the case of a dispensation.

191. The Charter or dispensation of a Lodge shall lapse when there are less than seven members in good standing who are Master Masons.

192. The Grand Master may arrest the Charter of a Lodge after investigating any charges preferred against it. He shall submit a report of his investigations to the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

193. The Charges that render a Lodge liable to have its Charter arrested or revoked are:

(a) Disobeying any provision of this Constitution or regulation of Grand Lodge.

(b) Disregarding the authority of the Grand Master.

(c) Receiving unworthy applicants.

(d) Refusing or neglecting to enforce discipline upon its members.

(e) Failing to meet during a period of six consecutive months.

(f) Attempting to dispose of the Charter by any means other than through the regular channel of surrender to Grand Lodge.

194. Grand Lodge may revoke the Charter after making an investigation.

195. The Charter of a Lodge shall not be arrested or revoked until after the Master, or in his absence, the Wardens, shall have been summoned to answer the charges against it.

196. The action of Grand Lodge in assenting to the surrender of or in revoking a Charter, shall be final with regard to the Lodge and its members. The authority granted by the Charter shall revert to Grand Lodge. All the property and assets of the Lodge, including the records, funds, jewels, furniture, regalia and unpaid dues, shall be vested in Grand Lodge forthwith on the lapse, surrender or revocation of the Charter of the Lodge.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES

197. The sanction of Grand Lodge must be obtained for the amalgamation of two or more Lodges. Each of the Lodges must send to Grand Lodge a petition based on a resolution passed at a regular meeting of each such Lodge. The resolution of each Lodge must contain the terms on which it is proposed to amalgamate, and at least one month's notice of it must have been given. It must be supported by not less than three-fourths of its members present, in order to be effective. Grand Lodge may accept or reject the petition, or may vary the terms of the amalgamation. If the amalgamation goes into effect, the new Lodge may take the name and number of either of the old Lodges, and may retain its Charter and seal. In that event Grand Lodge shall order that its consent be endorsed on the Charter, and that its seal and the signature of the Grand Secretary be attached to the endorsement. The new Lodge may take the name of one and the number of another of the Lodges, or it may take a new name or number or both; in any of these cases a new Charter and a new seal shall be required.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

198. Permission to hold a public procession of Freemasons in regalia must be obtained from the Grand Master. This provision shall not apply in the case of funerals, but these shall be reported to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of the Lodge.

MASONIC OFFENCES

199. It shall be a Masonic offence:

- (a) To make a declaration of atheism.
- (b) To use contemptuous expressions respecting God or Freemasonry.
- (c) To disobey or show disrespect for Masonic authority.
- (d) To violate any provision of the Constitution or any regulation of Grand Lodge.
- (e) To violate any of the By-Laws of a Lodge.
- (f) To violate any Masonic obligation or declaration.
- (g) To have fraternal relationship with a clandestine Lodge or with any member of a clandestine Lodge.
- (h) To violate the secrecy of the ballot or of any other proceedings in the Lodge.
- (i) To solicit petitions for degrees.
- (j) To inflict intentional wrong or injury on a Freemason.
- (k) To alienate the affection of a Freemason's wife or family.
- (l) To promote or encourage dissension between a Freemason and any member of his family.
- (m) To practice cruelty towards wife or children or refuse to support them.
- (n) To commit adultery or have lascivious association.
- (o) To commit a crime involving moral turpitude.
- (p) To be a drunkard or a profligate.

(q) To use a Masonic emblem as a trade-mark, business sign or advertising medium.

(r) To commit any other offence which has a tendency to bring discredit on the Craft.

JURISDICTION IN MASONIC TRIALS

200. Any Committee of a Lodge or any Master Mason in good standing may prefer a charge against a Lodge, a Master, or a Master Mason.

201. All charges against a Lodge, a Master, or a Master Mason shall be tried by a Commission of the Board as provided in Section 59.

PROCEDURE IN MASONIC TRIALS

The procedure for the trial of Masonic charges shall be as follows:

202. All charges shall be stated in writing, mentioning the name of the Lodge, Master or Master Mason accused, with the nature and, if possible, the time and place of the alleged offence. They shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

203. If the Board decides that a trial shall take place, it shall appoint a Commission of not less than three and not more than seven members of Grand Lodge to hear the evidence. The Board shall name the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission.

204. Service of papers on a Freemason in connection with a Masonic Trial shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) If he is known to reside in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, he shall be served personally.

(b) If he is known to reside out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, he shall be served personally or a copy of the paper shall be sent to him by mail, prepaid and registered.

(c) If his residence is unknown, a copy of the paper shall be sent by registered mail, addressed to him at his last known place of residence.

205. Service of papers on a Lodge shall be made by serving a copy of the papers on the Secretary of the Lodge in person or by mailing a copy of the papers by registered mail addressed to the Secretary of the Lodge and by mailing a copy of the papers by registered mail addressed to the Master of the Lodge, at their respective addresses as appearing in the records of Grand Lodge.

206. The time and place of the hearing shall be fixed by the Commission. It shall direct the Grand Secretary to cause a copy of the charge showing the date of the trial to be served on the Lodge, Master or Master Mason accused, and to summon the Master Masons who are required as witnesses. At least thirty days shall elapse between the service on the accused Lodge, Master or Master Mason, and the date of the hearing.

207. The arrangements for the hearing shall be in charge of the Grand Secretary, subject to the control of the Commission. It shall be prosecuted as quickly as the circumstances of the case will permit, care being taken that full justice is done to both the accuser and the accused. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time. The evidence at every such hearing shall be taken in writing and deposited with the Grand Secretary and preserved.

208. Whenever testimony is being offered, the accuser and accused may be represented by counsel, who must be Master Masons in good standing and who shall have full right to cross examine and to address and present arguments to the Commission. When testimony is to be obtained at a place other than the place of hearing, notice shall be given to the accuser and the accused. Certified copies of records from a Court of competent jurisdiction may be accepted as evidence.

209. The Secretary of the Commission or another Master

Mason appointed for the purpose by the Commission shall record in writing the testimony submitted. The Chairman of the Commission shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the testimony and the regularity of the proceedings. He shall be guided in his decisions by the ordinary rules of evidence and of procedure. All objections and rulings shall be entered in the record. This record shall be filed with the Grand Secretary.

210. When the taking of testimony has been concluded, the accuser and the accused and their counsel may address the Commission. The parties and their counsel shall then retire. The Commission shall proceed to the consideration of its findings.

211. If the accuser fail to appear at the time and place of hearing and furnish no satisfactory reason for his absence, the hearing may be proceeded with or may be dismissed as the Commission may determine. If the accused fail to appear, the Commission may proceed in his absence and the hearing may be conducted to a final issue. In that event, the Commission shall appoint a Master Mason to act for the accused as counsel or representative.

212. The Commission may decide at any time, by a majority vote, to permit the withdrawal of the charge. It may permit by a majority vote, the amendment of a charge. But notice of the amendment, satisfactory to the Commission, shall be given to the accuser and the accused.

213. If the accused member plead guilty, the plea shall be accepted as proof of the charge and shall render further evidence unnecessary.

214. Visitors shall not be permitted to attend the sittings of the Commission during the hearing, except to act as counsel or give evidence.

215. A member may be tried not more than once for the same

Masonic offence, except that on appeal a new trial may be ordered.

216. Suspension for a Masonic offence shall deprive the offender, during its continuance, of all rights, privileges and benefits of the Craft and he shall not, during such suspension, be a member in good standing.

217. No payment of dues to the Lodge or to Grand Lodge shall be required for the period of suspension.

218. The Commission shall not give judgment, but shall make a report to the Board. After the Board has considered the report it shall give judgment, and in the case of a Master or Master Mason decide the punishment. The votes of the majority of the members present shall decide the issue.

219. When a charge is pending against a Lodge, it shall not attempt to surrender its Charter or dispensation.

220. The decision of the Board, on a charge against a Master, or Master Mason, shall bind the Lodge to which he belongs, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Lodge.

221. When the Board finds that a charge against a Lodge has been proved, its judgment shall take the form of a recommendation to Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, or to both. It may recommend that the Charter or dispensation be revoked or arrested, or that the Lodge be censured.

APPEALS

222. An appeal from a decision of the Board may be made to Grand Lodge by the accuser or accused or any Master Mason filing a Notice of Intention to Appeal. Such notice shall be signed by the Appellant and shall be filed with the Grand Secretary as provided in section 60.

(a) On the hearing of the Appeal by Grand Lodge, no member

of the Commission sitting on the hearing of the evidence shall vote or take any part therein.

(b) The decision of Grand Lodge on such appeal shall be final.

223. Where the punishment takes the form of suspension, the filing of an appeal shall not relieve the offender from suspension, pending the decision of the appeal.

224. In the case of an appeal, the decision of Grand Lodge removing a suspension that has been imposed shall restore the Lodge, Master or Master Mason to all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Craft enjoyed by it or him immediately preceding such suspension.

RESTORATION AFTER EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION FOR MASONIC OFFENCE

225. Restoration after expulsion may be made only by Grand Lodge. The petitioner shall file with the Grand Secretary a petition in writing, stating the ground on which he desires Grand Lodge to take action. The Grand Secretary shall refer the petition to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals for a report, and shall notify the Board. A recommendation to Grand Lodge shall be made by the Board after it has received the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

226. Grand Lodge may grant or dismiss the petition for restoration. It may direct that the punishment be changed to suspension for an indefinite period. If it grant the petition, the petitioner shall have the standing of a non-affiliated Freemason, and the Grand Secretary shall issue a certificate to that effect.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

227. Annual dues being payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, of

each constituent Lodge each year between the 15th of October and the 15th of November to send a special notice to all members who at that time are indebted to the Lodge for the then current year's dues, and the dues for the preceding year.

(a) This notice shall be sent on a form for such purpose obtainable from the office of the Grand Secretary.

(b) The member in arrears shall be then advised that unless payment is made not later than the 31st day of December thereafter, he shall be deemed then suspended ipso facto, as of that date.

(2) Suspension as aforesaid shall take effect notwithstanding failure to send out any notice or to read out the names of suspended members in open Lodge.

228. It is hereby provided that on a recommendation in writing signed by any three of the following officers of the Lodge, viz: the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary, submitted at any regular meeting of the Lodge prior to the suspension of a member, the dues for one or more years of any member may be remitted by a vote of the majority of Members present at any regular meeting of the Lodge. Such remission shall be deemed payment on account of the dues in arrears.

229. Restoration after the expiration of twelve months from the date of suspension may be made only by the Lodge. The petition for restoration must be accompanied by the amount of the arrears and current year's dues, and a majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient to restore. If restoration is refused the amount so tendered shall be returned to the Petitioner.

230. Suspension for non-payment of dues shall involve the loss of all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Craft.

231. No payment of dues to the Lodge or to Grand Lodge shall

be required for the period of suspension, but arrears as at the date of suspension shall be paid as required by sections 228 and 229.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

232. Neither a Lodge nor any member thereof shall give a letter of recommendation to a Freemason for the purpose of assisting or enabling him to solicit assistance from a Lodge or from members.

233. If a Freemason holding a dimit be found guilty of a Masonic offence, the dimit shall not be recognized by any Lodge in Manitoba.

234. Permission to print or publish any of the proceedings of a Lodge must be obtained from the Grand Master. This provision shall not apply to the issue, by authority of the Master, of notice or summons to members.

REPEAL OF FORMER CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS

235. All enactments, rules and regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the government of the Craft in this jurisdiction together with the Constitution, adopted at the Annual Communication of June 12 and 13, 1918, and amendments thereto, are hereby repealed and the provisions of this Constitution are substituted in their place.

DECLARATORY PROVISION

236. This Constitution having been adopted by the Grand Lodge and promulgated by the Grand Secretary, shall continue in effect subject only to any amendments, revisions or repeal from time to time by Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENTS

237. Sixty days' notice of proposed revision or amendments of this Constitution shall be given in writing to the Grand Secretary. He shall send copies to the members of the Board and to the Lodges. A two-thirds vote of the members voting shall be necessary to change any provision of this Constitution.

PUBLICATION OF AMENDMENTS AND REGULATIONS

238. All amendments to this Constitution, adopted by Grand Lodge shall be published in an appendix to the annual reports of its proceedings. All regulations and rules made by Grand Lodge shall be published in the same way.

RULES

Adopted by The M.W.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

1. That a visiting Brother must produce to the satisfaction of the examining Committee, documentary evidence that he is a member in good standing or a dimitted member of a regularly constituted Lodge owing allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Body, and further that any Brother who may continue to be a visitor beyond the year in which he was last examined, must produce documentary evidence of good standing in his Lodge for the current year before being admitted.

2. That each visitor be examined separately, and that the Tyler's Test be given at the conclusion thereof, after the examining Committee are thoroughly satisfied that the visiting Brother has given substantial proof of his fitness to enter the Lodge.

3. That at least one Past Master, or the Master of the lodge should form part of the examining Committee.

4. That only one visitor be present during the examination.

5. That only one candidate be present when Board of Trial are asking the usual questions.

6. That for all degrees one candidate only shall be prepared at one and the same time in the same compartment.

7. That in the Entered Apprentice Degree one candidate only shall be received at one and the same time, and taken at least so far through the ceremony as includes the usual questions immediately after the prayer.

8. That the following shall be the mode of balloting: By direction of the Master, the Senior Deacon will prepare the ballot-box and present same to the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master in the order named for inspection, the Master shall then deposit his ballot from his chair after which the Ballot-box will be placed on the Altar, the Brethren commencing on the left of the Master shall approach the Altar, salute, deposit their ballot, salute and retire, after all the members have balloted and the Master has declared the ballot closed, the Senior Deacon shall present same to the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master in the order named for inspection, when the Master upon receiving the report of the finding of the Wardens shall declare the result of the ballot.

9. That Grand Honors at all public functions be abolished, and that private Grand Honors be given as follows: The first movement is to strike the thighs with the palms, the second movement is to cross the arms above the breast, the left over the right, and the palms sharply striking the shoulders, the third movement is to raise the hands above the head, striking the palms together, this is repeated the proper number of times, then three smart claps are given as follows: one right hand on left, one left hand on right, and one right hand on left.

10. It shall be deemed an act of Unmasonic Conduct for any member of any Lodge under the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. to use his Membership in Freemasonry as a basis for securing admission into or membership of any Body or Society hereafter to be formed or established in this Grand

Jurisdiction which requires Freemasonry as a basis for such membership. This resolution shall not in any way be construed or implied as a recognition of any Body or Society requiring Freemasonry as a basis for Membership and which may now be in existence in this Jurisdiction.

11. The attention of Masters of Lodges is called to Section 188 of the Constitution, the Interpretation of which is that a visitor must produce satisfactory documentary evidence that he is in good standing, to the Committee before examination, and to the Master if vouched for by a Brother before he is admitted.

12. Custodians of the Work.

A Standing Committee consisting of all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master as Chairman, be appointed, and designated the Custodians of the two separate WORKS now in use in this Grand Jurisdiction, having power to regulate and effect all changes that may be deemed necessary.

It is understood that the power vested in this Committee shall not be construed as authority to consolidate the two works now in use nor to take away the right of Lodges which have adopted the York Rite.

APPENDIX

CHAPTER 123 OF THE STATUTES OF MANITOBA 1924

An Act Respecting Grand Lodge of Manitoba

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba, being 47 Victoria, cap. 61, and has by petition prayed that an Act be passed for the purpose of further and better defining the powers of the said Grand Lodge;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition,

Now therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

1. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, as now existing is hereby continued as a body politic and corporate together with the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations thereof not contrary to the laws of Manitoba, with all rights, powers, property and membership as the same now exist, subject however to the terms and provisions hereof.

2. The constituent lodges in communion with and subordinate to the said Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, and the respective by-laws, rules and regulations thereof not contrary to

or inconsistent with the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge or of the laws of Manitoba are hereby continued with all rights, powers, privileges, property and membership as the same now exist, subject however to the terms and provisions hereof.

3. In this Act

(a) Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is referred to as "Grand Lodge;"

(b) the term "constituent lodge" shall mean and include any existing or future lodge in communion with and subordinate to Grand Lodge whether such lodge is or is not incorporated unless the context otherwise requires;

(c) "Grand Lodge" and all such constituent lodges and the members thereof from time to time are collectively referred to as "The Craft;"

(d) the term "incorporated constituent lodge" shall mean a constituent lodge which has been incorporated or hereafter shall be incorporated under the provisions of this Act;

(e) the term "constitution" shall mean and include the general by-laws of Grand Lodge as the same now or hereafter may exist.

4. There shall be a standing committee of Grand Lodge to be known as the Board of General Purposes appointed or elected in such manner and with such powers as Grand Lodge may from time to time by by-law determine.

5. Grand Lodge shall have a perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to make, alter or break the said seal by by-law to that effect, and by its name, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend all manner of actions both at law and in equity, and shall have power and capacity from time to time and at all times hereafter to purchase, acquire, hold, possess,

exchange and to have, take and receive by gift or devise to it and its successors to and for the actual use and occupation or other purposes of Grand Lodge any real and personal estate, and to build upon, alter or otherwise improve any such real estate, and to sell, alienate, lease, exchange, mortgage and otherwise dispose of such real or personal estate whensoever Grand Lodge may deem it expedient so to do.

6. Grand Lodge may from time to time borrow money for such purposes and upon such terms as it shall think proper and expedient and may, for securing the repayment thereof with interest thereon, make, execute and issue any mortgages, bonds, debentures or promissory notes or other instruments under the seal of Grand Lodge, including instruments which shall operate as a mortgage and charge against the real and personal estate of Grand Lodge; provided that any such mortgage or instrument so executed shall affect only the property therein described.

7. Grand Lodge shall have power to make any by-laws, rules and regulations not contrary to law or to the provisions of this Act, with power to amend and repeal its constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations from time to time, for all purposes relating to or bearing upon the membership, constitution, government, well-being, property or interests of Grand Lodge or any constituent lodges.

8. Grand Lodge shall have power to appoint any of the members or officers of Grand Lodge for the management of its funds and property as it may deem expedient, to prescribe their duties, and to require such security as may from time to time be deemed proper from such members or officers or any of them for the faithful performance of their respective duties, and may remove them or any of them at pleasure, and may make and ordain and put in execution such by-laws and rules and regulations as may be deemed expedient for the purpose aforesaid not inconsistent with this Act or the laws of this province.

9. The presiding officer and the grand secretary of Grand Lodge may and shall have power (subject to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge from time to time) in the name and on behalf of any unincorporated constituent lodge which now is organized or hereafter may become organized within this province under a warrant from Grand Lodge to file in the office of the Provincial Secretary of this province a certificate of the said Grand Lodge under its corporate seal and the signatures of such presiding officer and grand secretary that such constituent lodge is in good standing in "The Craft" and has received a warrant from Grand Lodge, stating in such certificate the names of the presiding officer and the secretary and other officers of such constituent lodge as the same are shown on the last regular or special report of such constituent lodge on file with the grand secretary of Grand Lodge, and thereupon such constituent lodge shall be and become from the time of filing such certificate as aforesaid a body politic and corporate by the style or name and register number by which it shall have been designated by Grand Lodge, and as such constituent lodge so incorporated shall have a perpetual succession and common seal with power to make, alter or break the said seal by by-law to that effect approved according to such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge as may be in force from time to time, and, subject to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, and to the provisions of this Act shall have thereafter like powers and privileges as are herein conferred upon Grand Lodge for acquiring, purchasing, taking, holding, building upon, altering, improving, exchanging, selling, and leasing, mortgaging or disposing of real and personal estate, for prosecuting and defending any actions, and for borrowing money and mortgaging real and personal property and executing instruments as security therefor, and from and after the time when such constituent lodge shall have become so incorporated all real

and personal property belonging to or held for or on behalf of such constituent lodge at the time of the filing of such certificate shall be vested in and be the property of such constituent lodge so incorporated.

10. All constituent lodges that are or may become incorporated under the provisions of this Act and the members thereof shall be subject and amendable to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, and shall have and exercise all their powers and privileges under this Act, subject to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, and not otherwise.

11. All deeds, mortgages, discharges, bonds or other instruments executed as aforesaid, in accordance with powers conferred by this Act, by Grand Lodge or any incorporated constituent lodge shall be sealed with the corporate seal and signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of such Grand Lodge or incorporated constituent lodge as the case may be; provided that, in the event of absence or incapacity of either such officers, the constituent lodge or the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, as the case may be, may by resolution delegate the duty of signing to any other officer.

12. It shall be lawful for Grand Lodge, or any constituent lodge, to lay out and invest all such sums of money as shall from time to time be collected and not required for the immediate exigencies of Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge in such investments and securities as from time to time may be authorized for investment of trust funds by trustees under the provisions of "The Manitoba Trustee Act," or amendments thereto, or any other statute of the province of Manitoba authorizing investment of trust funds by trustees, or in the fully paid up stock or shares of any corporation having its head office in the Province of Manitoba and approved by resolution of the Board of General Purposes or of Grand Lodge as being a corporation

existing for Masonic purposes; provided that, except so far as such resolution shall have been acted upon in good faith, Grand Lodge (as to any such resolution) or the Board of General Purposes (as to any resolution passed by itself) may over-rule, rescind or amend such resolution from time to time, and may by such resolution or by subsequent resolution limit the amount which Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge, or any specified constituent lodge, may invest in any such stock or shares; and from time to time such Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge may alter, sell, transfer and discharge such securities, shares, stocks or funds respectively, and otherwise reinvest and dispose of the same, and all such investments shall be made in the name of Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge as the case may be. Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to prohibit the retention of investments lawfully made by Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge prior to the passing of this Act.

13. No real estate belonging to Grand Lodge shall be mortgaged, sold or otherwise disposed of without the consent first had and obtained of Grand Lodge or of the Board of General Purposes, such consent to be by resolution passed at a regular meeting of Grand Lodge or of said Board of General Purposes or at a special meeting of Grand Lodge or of said Board of General Purposes duly called for considering such resolution by notice specifying the purpose of such meeting.

14. Grand Lodge or any incorporated constituent lodge may, subject to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, from time to time lease for any term not exceeding ten years any land held by it under the provisions of this Act at such rent and upon such terms as may be deemed expedient.

15. It shall and may be lawful for Grand Lodge or for any incorporated constituent lodge to receive from any of its officers,

servants or agents from time to time in its corporate name sufficient securities by bond with one or more surety or sureties or otherwise as such Grand Lodge or constituent lodge may deem expedient for the faithful performance of the duty of such officer, servant or agent, as such, and that such officer, servant or agent shall, as and when required to do so, truly account for, pay and invest from time to time as directed by Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge all such sums of money, funds or other property as may come into his hands or under his control for or belonging to Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge, and shall render and deliver up to such Grand Lodge or constituent lodge or its successors or the successors in office of such officer, servant or agent, or any other person authorized by this Act or by any by-law, rule or regulation existing or passed hereunder to receive the same, all such moneys, deeds, bonds, mortgages, shares, stocks, securities and other funds, documents, books and records in his possession or under his control belonging to or held for or on behalf of Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge at the expiration of his term of office or when required to do so by or under the authority of any regulation, order or by-law of Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge as the case may be.

16. No member of Grand Lodge or of any constituent lodge shall have any power to assign or transfer to any person whomsoever any interest which he may have in the funds or property of Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge as a member thereof, but the same shall at all times be the property and remain under control of Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge, as the case may be, and no property of any kind belonging to Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge shall be subject to the payment of the private debts of any of the members of Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge or liable to be taken in execution by any judgment creditor against any individual member or members of Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge.

17. -When any member dies or retires from or is expelled or suspended by Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge in accordance with the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, such member shall cease to have any interest or claim whatever upon the funds, property or privileges of Grand Lodge or such constituent lodge; provided that in case of suspension such member shall be restored to his rights and privileges upon being reinstated, or upon such suspension being vacated.

18. No officer or member of Grand Lodge or of any constituent lodge shall be or be held liable or responsible for any debt or obligation of such Grand Lodge or constituent lodge beyond the extent of any unpaid dues or subscriptions owing by him to such lodge.

19. Should any constituent lodge cease to exist or be dissolved from any cause whatsoever, the property (real or personal) held or belonging to such constituent lodge shall at once vest in Grand Lodge, but charged with the payment of the debts of such constituent lodge to the full extent of, but only to the extent of, such property.

20. In case Grand Lodge declares the warrant of any constituent lodge (incorporated or unincorporated) forfeited pursuant to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, such constituent lodge shall be and be held to be dissolved, and if incorporated its certificate of incorporation shall be cancelled *ipso facto* from the date of the resolution declaring such forfeiture.

21. Sections 2 to 15, both inclusive, of 47 Victoria, cap. 61, are repealed.

22. This Act shall come into effect upon being assented to.

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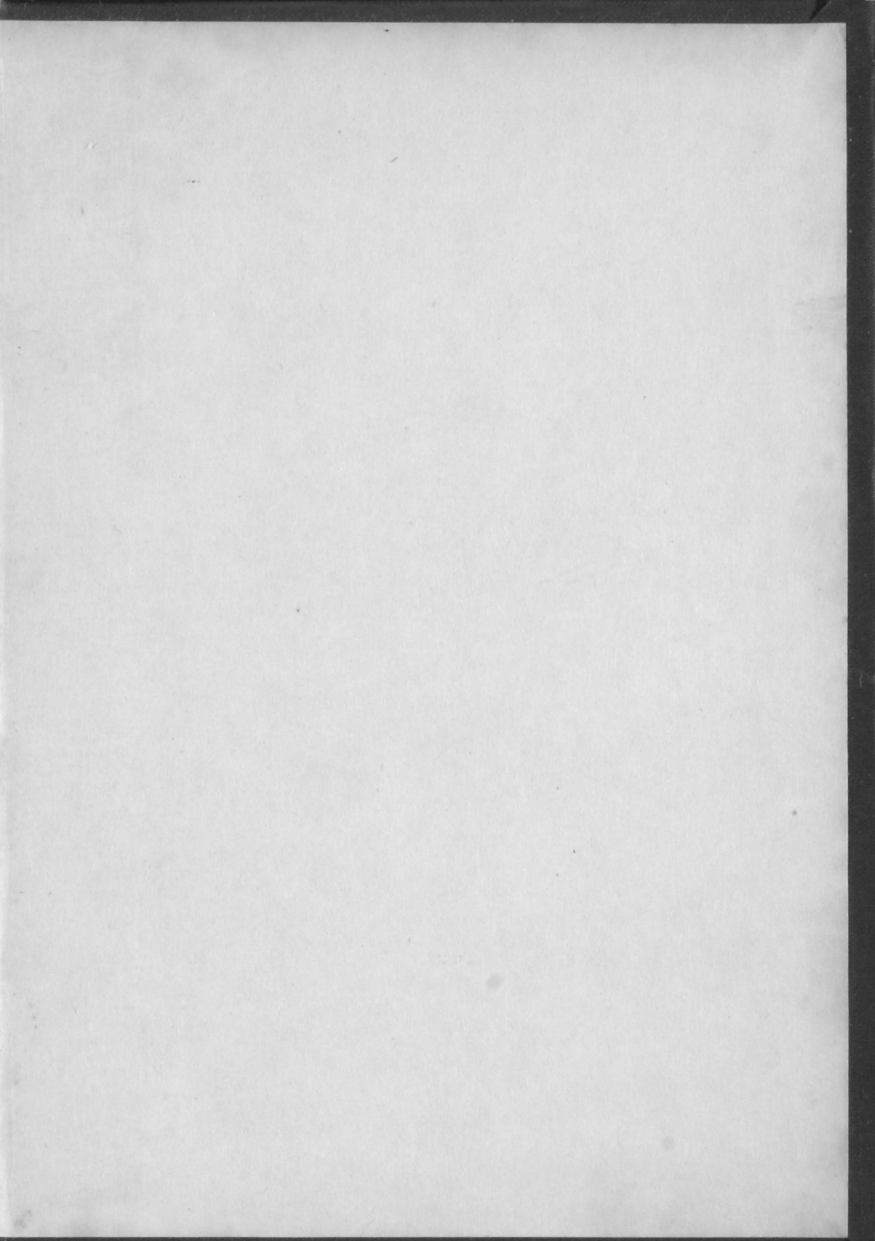
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